Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 12, with the following rewritten

paragraph:

-- This application is related to (1) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/812,536 (Attorney Docket
No. SUNMP002A), filed March 19, 2001, and "Method and Apparatus for Providing
Application Specific Strategies to a Java Platform including Start and Stop Policies," (2) U.S.
Patent Application No. 09/812,537 (Attorney Docket No. SUNMP002B), filed March 19,
2001, and entitled "Method and Apparatus for Providing Application Specific Strategies to a
Java Platform including Load Balancing Policies," (3) U.S. Patent Application No.
09/833,845 (Attorney Docket No. SUNMP003), filed April 11, 2001, and entitled "Method
and Apparatus for Performing Online Application Upgrades in A Java Platform," (4) U.S.
Patent Application No. 09/833,856 (Attorney Docket No. SUNMP004), filed April 11, 2001,
and entitled "Method and Apparatus for Performing Failure Recovery in a Java Platform,"
(5) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/818,214 (Attorney Docket No. SUNMP005), filed March
26, 2001, and entitled "Method and Apparatus for Managing Replicated and Migration
Capable Session State for A Java Platform," (6) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/825,249
(Attorney Docket No. SUNMP006), filed April 2, 2001, and entitled "Method and Apparatus
for Partitioning of Managed State for a Java based Application," and (7) U.S. Patent
Application No. 09/846,067 (Attorney Docket No. SUNMP007), filed April 30, 2001, and
entitled "Method and Apparatus for Upgrading Managed Application State for a Java based
Application." Each of the above related application are incorporated herein be reference. --